

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion,  
and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and  
said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown portion, and wherein  
the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof,  
whereby a maximum thickness Tr at the rear end is in a range of from 2.0 to 8.0 mm,  
and a minimum thickness Tf in a front end zone of the sole plate is in a range of from  
1.0 to 3.0 mm.
2. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion,a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown portion,  
said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion,  
and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and  
said hosel portion includes a tubular part into which a club shaft is inserted, and the tubular part is integrally formed with the metal component to extend from the sole plate.
3. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel

portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown portion,

said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion, and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and wherein

said hosel portion includes a tubular part into which a club shaft is inserted, and the tubular part is formed separately from the metal component and the resin component, and

the resin component M2 is integrally provided with a tubular portion protruding into the hollow and forming a socket into which said tubular part of the hosel portion is inserted.

4. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein the resin component further includes a side plate forming at least a part of the side portion.

5. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3 2, 3 or 12, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof.

6. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein the sole plate is provided on the fringe thereof with a continuous or discontinuous rib.

7. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof, and the sole plate is provided on the fringe thereof with a continuous or discontinuous rib.

8. (withdrawn) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the metal component further includes a continuous or discontinuous turnup wall forming a part of the side portion.

9. (withdrawn) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof, and

the metal component further includes a continuous or discontinuous turnup wall forming a part of the side portion.

10. (withdrawn) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the metal component further includes a frame bridging between the face plate and sole plate.

11. (withdrawn) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof, and the metal component further includes a frame bridging between the face plate and sole plate.

12. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown portion,

said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion, and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and wherein  
the metal component is provided in along a front end zone of the sole plate with a continuous or discontinuous slot.

13. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein the depth of the center of gravity is in a range of from 40 to 55 mm.

14. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein the sweet spot height is in a rage of from 15 to 30 mm.

15. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2 or 3~~ 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein  
the depth of the center of gravity is in a range of from 40 to 55 mm, and  
the sweet spot height is in a rage of from 15 to 30 mm.
16. (new) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein the sole plate forms the  
almost entirety of the sole portion.